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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the claim 9 has been amended, new claim 13 has been added, and claim 8 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been submitted.

It is understood that the Examiner has already amended previously filed claims 8-11 to be 9-12, with proper dependencies. Claims 9-12 are repeated above with this understanding.

Claims 9-13 are pending and under consideration.

An interview was conducted on November 16, 2004, wherein the Examiner and applicant agreed that the outstanding rejections have been overcome, that the above amendments would be entered, and that the as amended claims would be allowed over the prior art.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters. Also, if there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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